

JACARANDA SP. (Bignoniaceae.) 29491. Seed of jacaranda from Parana, Argentine Republic. Presented by Dr. A. M. Monsanto, Parana. "This tree when in full bloom presents one of the most perfect and artistic clusters of lilac flowers the human eye might ever wish to behold. If I may judge, perhaps the most seasonable time for planting these seeds would be in the spring of the year." (Monsanto.) For distribution later.

LAWSONIA INERMIS. (Lythraceae.) 29530. Seed of henna from Culebra, Canal Zone, Panama. Presented by Mr. Alfred D. Dyer. "Known as henna, is a shrub long cultivated in the Orient, especially in Egypt and Arabia, where it is used for a variety of purposes. The flowers serve as a perfumery material by virtue of a volatile oil which they contain, having an odor said to closely resemble that of the tea rose. Beside their use in applications to wounds, sores, etc., the leaves are used in some regions to color the finger nails red. The root is astringent." (R. H. True.) For further description see Bulletin Plant Immigrants, No. 19. For distribution later.

MACHILUS NANMU. (Lauraceae.) 29485. Seed of the nanmu tree from Yachow, Szechuan, West China. Presented by Mr. W. F. Beaman. "This is a species of Machilus, a genus closely allied to Laurus, which grows to great size in western China. It is very highly esteemed by the Chinese on account of its great durability. It is a sparse yielder and has been used for centuries by the Chinese in the construction of coffins. Owing to its scarcity a sufficient number of planks to construct a coffin often cost as much as a hundred dollars. The Imperial Palaces are said to be finished in this wood. It is worth carefully experimenting with to find whether there are parts of the United States adapted to its culture. It might easily prove an important article of export if it can be propagated readily in this country." (W. T. Swingle.) For distribution later. See photograph.

MANGIFERA INDICA. (Anacardiaceae.) 29504-513. Grafted plants of mango from Poona, Bombay, India. Purchased from Mr. William Burns, Economic Botanist. Sixteen plants of the following varieties: Mullgoa, Borsha of Bhadgaon, Gola Alphonse, Kavasji Patel, Batli, Lala Alphonse, Pairi, Madras Mullgoa, Ratnagiri and Alphonse. All introduced for the work of this Office in the establishment of the mango industry in Florida, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines. For distribution later.

MANGIFERA INDICA. (Anacardiaceae.) 29502. Cuttings of mango from San Antonio de Los Banos, Cuba. Presented by Mr. J. D. Rose at the request of Mr. C. F. Kinman, Horticulturist, Porto Rico Experiment Station. Manzana variety. Introduced for the same work as the preceding. For distribution later.